

There was no objection.

PERMITTING CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE SENATE TO DESIGNATE ANOTHER MEMBER OF COMMITTEE TO SERVE ON JOINT COMMITTEE ON PRINTING IN PLACE OF CHAIRMAN

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and concur in the Senate concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 67) permitting the Chairman of the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate to designate another member of the Committee to serve on the Joint Committee on Printing in place of the Chairman.

The Clerk read as follows:

S. CON. RES. 67

*Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That effective for the One Hundred Seventh Congress, the Chairman of the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate may designate another member of the Committee to serve on the Joint Committee on Printing in place of the Chairman.*

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. NEY) and the gentleman from New York (Mr. SERRANO) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman Ohio (Mr. NEY).

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, Senate Concurrent Resolution 67 permits the chairman of the Senate's Committee on Rules and Administration to designate another member of the committee to serve on the Joint Committee on Printing in place of the chairman.

This is a very simple measure. I want to thank my colleague, however, today, the gentleman from New York (Mr. SERRANO), who has been so gracious and patient today in helping to bring proposals to the floor that are important to the operation of the House; and I want to also thank the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER), our ranking member of the Committee on House Administration.

I urge my colleagues to support this resolution and urge its adoption.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume simply to concur with the chairman and urge support for this resolution.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I join with the Chairman in urging adoption of Senate Concurrent Resolution 67.

This is a housekeeping measure allowing the Chairman of the Senate Rules and Administration Committee to designate another member of that panel to serve on the Joint Committee on Printing in his place during the 107th Congress.

By statute, the Senate membership of the Joint Committee on Printing consists of the Chairman and four members of the Committee on Rules and Administration. In order for the Senate to depart from that statutory scheme,

the House must concur, hence this concurrent resolution.

Anticipating adoption of this measure, the Senate has adopted a simple resolution electing its members of the Joint Committee for the 107th Congress. If we clear this resolution, the Joint Committee on Printing can organize and proceed to its business. I urge an "aye" vote.

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. NEY) that the House suspend the rules and concur in the Senate concurrent resolution, S. Con. Res. 67.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the Senate concurrent resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PERMISSION FOR COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND COMMERCE TO FILE SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT ON H.R. 3016, ANTITERRORISM AND EFFECTIVE DEATH PENALTY AMENDMENTS

Mr. BARTON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Energy and Commerce be allowed to file a supplemental report on the bill H.R. 3016.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

URGING SECRETARY OF ENERGY TO FILL STRATEGIC PETROLEUM RESERVE

Mr. BARTON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 250) urging the Secretary of Energy to fill the Strategic Petroleum Reserve, as amended.

The Clerk read as follows:

H. RES. 250

Whereas the United States is engaged in military activity as a result of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001;

Whereas such acts continue to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States, including the security of important energy supplies;

Whereas our Nation imports more than half of the crude oil it consumes from other nations;

Whereas Congress found in the Energy Policy and Conservation Act that the storage of substantial quantities of petroleum products will diminish the vulnerability of the United States to the effects of a severe energy supply interruption, and provide limited protection from the short-term consequences of interruptions in supplies of petroleum products;

Whereas a severe energy supply interruption would have an adverse impact upon American consumers and the economy;

Whereas the Strategic Petroleum Reserve has an authorized capacity of 1,000,000,000

barrels of crude oil, a current storage capacity of 700,000,000 barrels of crude oil, and approximately 545,000,000 barrels of crude oil currently in storage; and

Whereas marginal wells in the United States provide an important base of domestic crude oil production, make an important contribution to our workforce and economy, are particularly sensitive to price fluctuations, and are difficult and costly to reopen: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the House of Representatives urges the Secretary of Energy to increase the capacity of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve to 1,000,000,000 barrels of crude oil, to fill the Strategic Petroleum Reserve to its capacity as soon as practicable, and to consider purchasing from marginal wells that would otherwise cease production, consistent with current law.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. BARTON) and the gentleman from Maine (Mr. BALDACC) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Texas (Mr. BARTON).

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. BARTON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and to include extraneous material on the resolution, H. Res. 250, as amended.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

Mr. BARTON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, today the House is going to consider a very important resolution dealing with our energy security. This is a bipartisan effort; and I would like to publicly thank the ranking member of the subcommittee that I chair, the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. BOUCHER), the full committee ranking member, the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. DINGELL), and of course the full committee chairman, the gentleman from Louisiana (Mr. TAUZIN), for their excellent support on this resolution.

This is a nonbinding resolution, so it does not require the Secretary of Energy and the President of the United States to move to fill the Strategic Petroleum Reserve; but it is my intent and my hope, and in working with the administration officials the last several weeks, that we will begin to do that.

The Strategic Petroleum Reserve is an important national asset. It was created in the 1970s, after the last Arab oil embargo that was imposed on the United States and the Western democracies by OPEC, the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries. We made a decision as a Nation to begin to stockpile oil so that never again would our economy be held hostage to oil imports. Since that time, we have accumulated as much as 600 million barrels of oil in the reserve. Today, we have approximately 545 million barrels.